

MINUTES OF THE DAVIDSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

February 19, 2010

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 3:00 p.m. on February 19, 2010 in the Metro Office Building. Commissioners Lynn Greer, Eddie Bryan, A.J. Starling, Patricia Heim, and Steve Abernathy were present. Also, present Ray Barrett (AOE, Joan Nixon and Pat Novotny.

Chairman Lynn Greer convened the meeting.

Approval of January 14, 2010 Minutes - Chairman Greer asked if any changes were needed to January 14th minutes. Commissioner Heim made motion to accept as presented, seconded by Commissioner Starling, motion carried.

Precinct Change: 21-1 Nashville Big Picture School, 1625 Dr. D. B. Todd Jr. Blvd to Lead Academy, 1704 Heiman Street (temporary change) - AOE Barrett noted that Lead Academy was fine with voting site being there until the Nashville Big Picture School is finished. Commissioner Heim made motion to approve temporary change, seconded by Commissioner Bryan, motion carried.

Discuss 2010-2011 Budget - Chairman Greer called on Pat Novotny to explain budget. Ms. Novotny stated budget must be submitted by next Thursday (2/25/2010). She explained budget was broken down into two sections - Elections & Operations. She stated at the last meeting commissioners asked to purpose for 11 early voting sites at the August and November elections, this calculated to 1,718,000, and included poll workers increase. Commissioner Bryan asked what poll workers pay was increased to. She replied poll officials \$145 up to \$175, poll workers \$95 to \$125, and training sessions \$15 to \$25. Ms. Novotny stated in operations, administration has asked for a cross the board reduction of 7.5%, which for this department calculated to 1,435,148. Commissioner Abernathy asked what she anticipates finishing this year at, she stated with some surplus, about 80,000 out of the 1,551,500. Ms. Novotny stated Election Option #1 reflects what was discussed at last meeting, having 11 early voting sites at both August and November elections - FY 09-10 totaled \$538,000 - FY 10-11 totaled \$1,718,700. She stated for means of comparison and pertinence of getting pay increase for poll workers, they put together another scenario - Election Option #2 - FY 09-10 this year is same as in Option #1 \$538,000 and for FY 10-11 \$1,261,000, which purposes just one early vote site for the August election and six early voting sites for the November election, but the poll workers pay increase changes sufficiently, because your cost for early voting are worked mostly by workers. After discussion regarding the poll workers pay increase and the number of early vote sites needed, Commissioner Heim made motion to approve Election Option #2, seconded by Commissioner Abernathy. Roll Call was requested by Commissioner Heim. Commissioner Abernathy - yes; Commissioner Starling - yes; Commissioner Bryan - passed; Commissioner Greer - yes. Vote 4 yes and 1 abstained.

Chairman Greer asked if anyone had questions on the Operations Budget. Commissioner Starling asked if someone had taken a cut last time, would their salary be cut this time. Ms. Novotny stated we are not expected to do further salary reduction to individual employees, but rather actual elimination of positions. Chairman Greer asked if there as a motion to approve the two budgets using Elections Option #2. Commissioner Heim made motion to present the budget to the mayor using the 7.5% operations reduction plus Election Option #2, seconded by Commissioner Abernathy, vote was unanimously.

Administrator's Report - AOE Barrett talked about the military overseas voters, that as of February 17th a letter regarding absentee ballots was sent along with an application, and schedule to last known address. AOE Barrett reported the list of workers requested by Commissioner Abernathy was included in handout. AOE Barrett stated information for workers during election were also included in handout and if anyone knew of someone of interest, please give them information. AOE Barrett reported that Commissioners Greer and Heim asked him to look into online finance reporting like the state has. He stated Knox County is working on a deal where they put \$5000 up front to start the program, they think they may get in for about \$25,000, but do not know what the day to day operation cost would be. He stated he has talked with them several times and they think it would be great if we got in them, that it might cost a lot less for everyone. AOE Barrett reported that Commissioner Abernathy had asked what was a felon applicant's procedure, and AOE Barrett stated the procedure was included in handout. AOE Barrett reported on the Oak Hill voting site would probably be Brentwood Hills Church of Christ.

Chairman Greer stated Tuesday, March 16th two candidates were up for election in Berry Hill, both candidates are unopposed and asked where ballots will be counted. Commissioner Starling replied at the Berry Hill City Hall.

Chairman Greer stated next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18th at 3:00 p.m. at the Metro Office Building.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Lynn Greer, Chairman

Patricia Heim, Member

A. J. Starling, Member

Eddie Bryan, Secretary

Steven Abernathy, Member